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Funds for Excavation Projects in Bihar
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds allocated for the survey of archaeological sites in Bihar and to carry out extensive excavation work at the said sites during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government proposes to formulate any special action plan for excavation in Nalanda and Gaya in Bihar which are considered very rich in archaeological heritage; and

(c) if so, the funds allocated for the said schemes along with the time frame to start the said work?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
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(a) The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has carried the excavation in Bihar at the following sites during the last three years:

1. Rukministhan, South West of Ancient Nalanda University, District Nalanda, Bihar 2014-2015 and 2015-2016.
2. Urain (Uren), Locality Block Surajgarjha (Suryagarha), District Lakhsaraki, Bihar 2016-2017.

Besides Village to Village Survey has also been carried in district Buxar in Bihar.

The total allocation during the last three year as under:

Year Amount (Rs. In lakh)
2014-2015 26.25
2015-2016 35.00
2016-2017 28.18

(b) & (c) At present ASI has not formulated any special action plan for excavation work at Nalanda and Gaya in Bihar.